

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated March 18, 2008. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended, claims 4 and 6 have been canceled; as such, claims 1-3, 5-9 and 11-16 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance is requested in view of the claim amendments and the following remarks.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment. The claims have only been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates that claims 7-9, 11, and 13-19 are allowed, and that claims 4 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant submits that independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of independent claim 1. Therefore, it is submitted that amended independent claims 1, 5, and any corresponding dependent claims are also allowable, in view of the Examiner's previous consideration of allowability of the subject matter added to these claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent 6, 507,592 to Hurvig et. al. ("Hurvig") in view of U.S. Patent Pub. 2002/0064224 to Hata et al. ("Hata").

Claims 2 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Hurvig in view of Hata NS U.S. Patent 6,510,150 to Ngo.

By this amendment, independent claim 1 has been placed in allowable form. Claim 5 has also been amended to incorporate the subject matter of former independent claim 1, on which claim 5 depended.

Accordingly, the rejections as to these claims and to those claims dependent thereon, are now moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2850 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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